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SUBJECT: NAMIBIAN FEDERAL PARTY'S FORMAL REACTION TO CONTACT

GROUP INITIATIVES

REF: CAPE TOWN 1015,

1. SUMMARY: AS PROMISED TO THREE DCM'S WHO BRIEFED INTERESTED PARTIES IN WINDHOEK JUNE 17 (REFTEL), NAMIBIA'S FEDERAL PARTY HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY (THROUGH GERMAN CONSULATE IN WINDHOEK) WITH FIVE PART WRITTEN COMMENT ON CONTACT GROUP INITIATIVES. GENERAL TONE IS ONE OF COMPLETE SUPPORT AND

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APPRECIATION FOR CONTACT GROUP'S EFFORTS BUT WITH CAVEATS THAT ETHNICALLY-BASED POLITICS, SAG INTERFERENCE, OR UN OPPOSITION COULD ABORT PROGRESS ALREADY MADE. COMMENT CONTAINS INTERESTING PROPOSAL FOR ORGANIZATION OF ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. END SUMMARY.

2. SECTION 1 RECORDS PARTY'S OFFICIAL SUPPORT OF INITIATIVES

AND APPRECIATION FOR CONTACT GROUP'S EFFORTS.

3. SECTION 2 SUGGESTS THAT BEFORE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL APPOINTED ALL INTERESTED PARTIES BE CONSULTED AND THAT APPOINTEE BE APOLITICAL, A JURIST, AND OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING.

4. SECTION 3 CONTAINS PARTY'S PROPOSALS FOR ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. AMONG SUGGESTIONS ARE INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT; REPRESENTATION OF MINORITIES THROUGH MULTI-ETHNIC POLITICAL PARTIES; DIVISION OF NAMIBIA INTO 50 CONSTITUENCIES GEOGRAPHICALLY-BASED, WITH CANDIDATE RECEIVING PLURALITY ELECTED TO ASSEMBLY; APPORTIONMENT OF ANOTHER 50 SEATS IN ASSEMBLY TO PARTIES CONTESTING ELECTION ON BASIS OF PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL VOTE; ALLOCATION OF MAXIMUM TWO SEATS TO EACH ETHNIC GROUP; END OF APARTHEID AND NEUTRALITY OF SAG DURING TRANSITION PERIOD; ENACTMENT OF A BILL OF RIGHTS; CREATION OF A FORMULA TO DETERMINE VOTER ELIGIBILITY AND CITIZENSHIP; AND CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND TO SUPPORT POLITICAL PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN ELECTIONS.

5. SECTION 4 REJECTS CONCEPT OF CONSENSUS AS IMPRACTICAL AND SUGGESTS ASSEMBLY REQUIRE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO PASS MOTIONS. IF TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY NOT ATTAINED WITHIN THREE MONTHS, NATION-WIDE REFERENDUM WOULD BE HELD ON ISSUE INVOLVED. RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS TO PRESENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEWS TO BE PROTECTED.

6. SECTION 6 SUGGESTS THAT IF UN DOES NOT AGREE TO INVOLVEMENT IN ELECTIONS, FIVE WESTERN POWERS AND OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE IN ITS STEAD. PARTY ALSO SUGGESTS THAT FIVE POWERS COMMIT THEMSELVES TO RECOGNIZING INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA ONCE CONSTITUTION ACCEPTED, TO GRANTING ECONOMIC AID TO NAMIBIA BEFORE AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE, AND TO GIVING MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN EVENT OF AGGRESSION BEFORE OR AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

7. FULL TEXT BEING POUCED TO DEPARTMENT.BOWDLER

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